



Northern Rockies
Coordination Group

West Central Montana
Member Agencies:

Montana DNRC
Southwestern Land
Office and Plains Unit

U.S. Forest Service
Lolo National Forest

U.S. Forest Service
Bitterroot National
Forest

Confederated Salish
and Kootenai Tribes
and Flathead Agency

Bureau of Land
Management

U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Service
Lee Metcalf Refuge and
National Bison Range

Counties of:
Missoula
Mineral
Ravalli
Portions of Sanders,
Lake, Powell, and
Flathead

Northern Rockies Coordination Group West Central Montana Area

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Part of West-Central Montana to Enact Stage II Fire Restrictions

Missoula, Mont.—Stage II fire restrictions will go into effect first thing on Monday, July 23 in part of West-Central Montana, announced fire management officials. Stage II fire restrictions apply to campfires, smoking, daytime industrial operations and motorized vehicle use.

Under Stage II fire restrictions, the following acts are prohibited until further notice:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire
- Smoking unless within an enclosed vehicle, building, or in an area 3 feet in diameter, that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 pm to 1:00 am (“hoot-owl”):
 - Operating any internal combustion engine
 - Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame
 - Using an explosive

A patrol is required for 2 hours following cessation of all the above activities.

These restrictions apply to any lands outside of designated city limits, regardless of ownership. The restrictions will remain in effect until there is a significant long-term change in fire danger.

These restrictions apply to all state, federal, and private forested lands within the following counties: Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Sanders County outside the Kootenai National Forest, Powell County north of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot River Divide, and those portions of Flathead and Lake Counties lying within the Flathead Indian Reservation. These restrictions also apply to forested lands administered by the Lolo National Forest (Bob Marshall Wilderness remains in Stage I), Bitterroot National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Montana DNRC Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNRC Northwestern Land Office (Plains Unit), Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes & Flathead Agency, Region 2 of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), and the US Fish & Wildlife Service (National Bison Range and Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge).

For more information regarding wildland fire safety, campfires, and fire restrictions on Montana’s forested lands in West Central Montana, please contact your local DNRC, Forest Service, Tribal, fire department, law enforcement, or FWP office.

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